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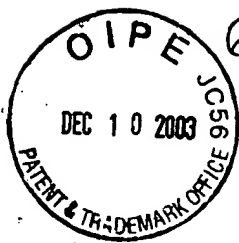
OFFICE ACTION RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

This Response to Office Action is filed in response to the Final Office Action mailed August 21, 2003, rejecting claims 1-31. The cited references are U.S. Patent Nos. 5,296,456 (hereinafter, "Shiga"), 4,079,187 (hereinafter, "Fillunger") and 4,994,633 (hereinafter, "Puhn"). The following amendments and remarks remove all grounds for rejection of the application, thereby placing it in condition for allowance.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

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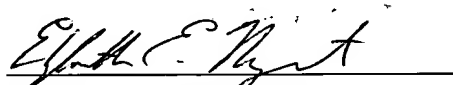
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